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SAPD Officer Involved Shooting

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following:

Just after 12:45am, officers in the area of Sapphire and Houston St. heard several shots being fired. One of the officers drove south in the 400 block of Sapphire and observed the suspect running into a field directly behind the school. The officer observed the suspect holding a rifle. The officer exited his patrol car and ordered the suspect to drop the rifle. The suspect instead turned and shot at the officer. Officers were not struck by the suspect's gunfire and returned fire. The suspect dropped the rifle and continued to flee on foot. The suspect was subsequently apprehended and will be booked for attempted capital murder. The suspect was not injured and the AK47 he used to shoot at the officer was recovered.

It is believed that the shots the officers initially heard were related to a driveby shooting in the 4800 block of Alfred where a female was shot in the foot. At this time, it is unknown if the suspect was involved in the shooting of the female.

The shooting team is currently investigating the incident. Officers Jewells Lozano and Matthew Martin, both three year veterans of the department, will not be placed on administrative duty.

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